

## Message Text

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R 151422Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA  
TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8176

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, BBAK, CGEN, MT, IV  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AIRPLANE PERMISSION TO LAND.

1. READING AND BATES DRILLING COMPANY'S MALTA OFFICE HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES IN THE IVORY COAST SO AS TO ALLOW LANDINGS OF THEIR CORPORATE AIRCRAFT. TEXT OF REQUEST FOLLOWS:

- READING AND BATES DRILLING COMPANY ARE
- REQUESTING PERMISSION TO LAND THEIR CORPORATE
- AIRCRAFT, A CONVAIR 880-22M, REGISTRATION
- NUMBER N48059, AT ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST,
- COMMENCING JUNE 7, 1978 AND THEN EVERY TWO
- WEEKS THEREAFTER TO SUPPORT AN OFFSHORE
- DRILLING OPERATION FOR ESSO.

AMEMBASSY VALLETTA WOULD APPRECIATE AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN BRINGING THIS REQUEST TO THE ATTENTION OF CIVAIR AUTHORITIES IN THE IVORY COAST AND INFORMING US OF THEIR RESPONSE.

2. READING AND BATES DRILLING COMPANY, HEADQUARTERED IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY IN VALLETTA. READING AND BATES DRILLING SHIP J.W. BATES LEFT MALTA ON MAY 11 TO SAIL TO A DRILLING SITE OFF THE COAST OF THE IVORY COAST. PURPOSE OF LAND-  
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ING IN ABIDJAN WILL BE TO ROTATE DRILLING SHIP CREWS BETWEEN THE SHIP AND MALTA, WHICH IS SERVING AS A "HOUSING BASE" FOR READING AND BATES EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS LAINGEN

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